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Consultant Proposes to Council Changes to Staff Organization

by James Giese

As a part of the city's objectives for this fiscal year, the Greenbelt City Council authorized the employment of the management consulting firm Matrix Consulting Group of Mountain View, Calif., to provide an assessment of the city's organizational structure and the efficiency and effectiveness of its overall operations, specifically in those areas that impact staffing.

At a December 16 work-session, at which all members of council were present, the consultant's report was presented and reviewed by Matrix president Richard Brady. Brady has had over 30 years of management consulting experience of which 12 years have been with this firm he had founded.

Brady advised that field work for this project had been done by Mark Olson of the company's Illinois office. (Olson also has had extensive consulting experience and has moved to another management firm, according to his online resume.)

Robert Finn of the Texas office consulted on the review of the police operation, Brady said. (Finn, both a former police

chief and a fire chief, has held a variety of other public safety positions prior to becoming a consultant.)

Brady synopsized in a slide presentation the numerous recommendations contained in the consultant's report with councilmembers asking questions along the way. (The complete consultant report and presentation summary are both available on the city website: www.greenbeltd.gov.)

Matrix has made numerous recommendations for changing organizational procedures and for some changes in staffing. While a total cost for implementing all aspects of their report is not determined, items with identified costs would increase the city's annual expenditures by more than \$350,000.

Some recommendations are expected to be implemented by current city staff. But with respect to two departments, Planning and Community Development and Recreation, the consultants recommended employing special consultants to determine the cost of services for which fees are charged. Possible

fee increases, they suggested, might offset these one-time costs.

Overall Observations

As depicted in the slide presentation prepared by Matrix, the consultants made the following observations:

- The city provides extremely high levels of service in each area of service delivery.
- There is a clear and consistent customer service philosophy.
- The budgetary process has a high degree of transparency and accountability associated with it.
- The city meets a high proportion of "best practice" service targets.
- The city needs to invest in its administrative infrastructure, especially relating to information technology.

Most of the recommendations made are of medium or high priority and are targeted for the short term.

Recommendations

The consultant made numerous recommendations for organizational and procedural

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City's Sustainable Community Plan Utilizes Holistic Principles

by Kathleen Gallagher

The City of Greenbelt submitted its application in October to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) to be designated a Sustainable Community under a program established by the General Assembly in the Sustainable Communities Act of 2010.

According to Terri Hruby, assistant planning director for Greenbelt, the initial review in November was favorable. The application now awaits approval by the Secretary of DHCD.

Hruby, who was the primary staff author of the document, said she hopes the city will be notified in February that it has been granted the Sustainable Community designation. She briefed council on the plan and application process at a worksession on Wednesday, January 8.

The Sustainable Communities program seeks to identify rural, suburban and urban areas that are "smart" locations in which to focus scarce local and state resources for revitalization. It consolidates programs that in the past have qualified jurisdictions as Community Legacy Areas

or other DHCD-Designated Neighborhoods.

Because Greenbelt has held Community Legacy status since 2003, it received an interim designation as a Sustainable Community but was required both to present a plan and to apply in order to maintain that status.

Funding Eligibility

Qualifying as a Sustainable Community is important. Without this designation the city could not remain eligible for state revitalization funding. As a Community Legacy Area, the city received state funding for a number of projects, including the Roosevelt Center Merchant Revolving Loan Fund, the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) Bathroom Project and support for the museum and for renovation of the theater building.

Some funding will be open only to applicants within designated Sustainable Communities; in other instances, greater benefits are available to such applicants.

In designing the program, the state encouraged plans that would demonstrate a comprehensive strategy toward nurturing

local investment by increasing economic, transportation and housing choices, as well as the quality of the local environment, in a sustainable manner.

The application is complex. Hruby said that consolidating

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What Goes On

Monday, January 20 – City Offices Closed in Observance of Martin Luther King, Jr., Day. Residents are asked to observe day of service.

Wednesday, January 22

7 p.m., Advisory Planning Board Meeting, Greenbelt Community Center

Thursday, January 23

7 p.m., Forest Preserve Advisory Board Meeting, Greenbelt Community Center, Room 114

Saturday, January 25

9 a.m. to noon, Electronics Recycling, Public Works Yard, 555 Crescent Road.

Shortage of Local Volunteers Impacts Emergency Services

by Kathleen Gallagher

Prince George's County Fire Chief Marc Bashoor was warmly welcomed by all seven members of the Greenbelt City Council at its January 13 regular meeting. Bashoor had come to give an overview for 2014 of the county's Fire/Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Department, which is the largest combination paid and volunteer Fire/EMS department in the U.S. While much of his news was good, he and Chief Thomas Ray of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad (GVFD) both addressed a topic of great concern to the council: a shortage of volunteers in the county and in Greenbelt that is impacting service delivery.

Bashoor first reported that call volume had remained about the same in 2013 as for the prior year in the county, with more than 110,000 EMS and 22,000 fire calls being handled. The availability of career staff has improved, with five career personnel assigned 24/7 to the Greenbelt Fire Department and Rescue Squad, compared with four assigned last year for availability from 7 a.m. to 3

p.m., Monday through Friday. In addition, time covered by career staff has increased at the Beltsville and West Lanham Hills stations, which provide service when needed to Greenbelt. Bashoor also gave an overview of equipment in service and on order and announced that the county now has a replacement policy and schedule for their heavy apparatus fleet vehicles, which is a substantial improvement in keeping equipment in safe working order.

The increased efficiencies in assigning career staff are in part a much needed response to the drop in volunteer membership. Bashoor said the county has hired a new recruiter who is trying to get as much publicity out as possible on the need. Asked by the city council what the city could do to help, Ray suggested publicity on the city's web site and cable stations might be helpful locally.

Considerable information about volunteering can be found on the GVFD web site at www.engine35.com. Click on "more info" under

See FIRE SERVICES, page 8

City and Beavers to Co-exist

by James Sterling

Beaver activity at Buddy Attick Park is not something new to the lake area. For years, Public Works has taken preemptive measures to co-exist with the beavers. Recently there has been a spike in beaver activity in and around the lake. The activity is both in areas where we have historically had beaver activity and in locations where we have not.

During November weekly inspections were made to identify why the spike in beaver activity. There are two beaver lodges at or near the peninsula area and beavers have created a dam in the forebay near the peninsula. Numerous trees in the peninsula area show signs of beaver activity or have fallen due to beavers. Trees on private property in the same area are now being targeted by beavers as are trees along the lake shore that goes from Lakecrest Drive to the spillway and on the forebay near Lakecrest Drive.

DNR Response

On November 22, 2013, Brian Townsend, Horticulture supervisor and I met with Peter Bendel, Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Wildlife Response manager, to discuss the above mentioned activities and look for advice and suggestions on how to deal with the beavers. We walked the areas with Bendel and he provided insight into what he

believed was causing the increase in beaver activity.

Beavers mate and the offspring are called kits. Kits live with the parents for 18-24 months. Beavers can also produce offspring annually. So it is not uncommon for there to be young kits and the yearlings born the previous spring to be in one lodge. Normally, after 18-24 months the offspring are left to fend for themselves. Beavers typically do not stay in the same area as the parents will force them away. In this case Bendel believes one of the offspring has stayed and created his own lodge. Bendel believes the chewing of trees and felling of trees is the work of an inexperienced beaver. Bendel noted that the habitat in this area can support more than one family and if it couldn't, the first beaver would not have allowed another in his habitat.

After inspecting the entire area with Bendel, he noted that we should be on the lookout for a third beaver lodge. Typically a beaver would not travel far to cut down trees.

Bendel suggests that protection should be added to additional trees and where the beaver has been cutting trees on private property install a three-foot-high metal fence just off the path.

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Letters

Delightful Concert

On Sunday night I attended a delightful concert at the Community Church, performed by the Gardner family on fiddle, guitar, piano and accordion and the Vega ensemble on harp, percussion and bass.

The concert was a fundraiser for after-school art classes provided by the city Recreation Department at Springhill Lake Elementary School. A \$10 donation was suggested. My friends and I had seen notices about the show in last week's News Review and it seemed like a win-win deal to us: good music for a worthy cause.

I was disappointed in the small audience turnout for this event. Could it have been that people were afraid they might miss "Downton Abbey"? The musicians had thought of that and made sure their performances ended in good time.

Those who missed the concert can still contribute to the fundraiser by sending checks to City of Greenbelt, Attention Nicole DeWald, 15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770.

Kathleen McFarland

THANKS!

The New Year's program held at the Greenbelt Arts Center was a success because of the efforts of the many excellent people who were an amazing source of energy and creativity in providing a wonderful evening.

This enjoyable, sometimes inspiring, program relied on the contributions of those many. Our thanks to them all.

Konrad Herling and Susan Barnett

Free Beech Tree Puppet Show At New Deal Café on Jan. 26

On Sunday, January 26 at 2 p.m. Beech Tree Puppets will present a free performance of the Grimm Brothers story The Crystal Ball, adapted for marionette theater, at the New Deal Café. The free show, with appeal for all ages, is specially geared to elementary school-aged children.

Greenbelters Ingrid Cowan Hass and Ole Hass, professional singers and actors who founded Beech Tree Puppets last year, wrote the script, created the puppets and sets and also will provide the musical accompaniment to the plot.

The Crystal Ball, performed at Greenbelt Elementary School

with a grant from the Advisory Committee on Education, was chosen because it is fun, has appealing fantasy with firebird and magic cap and for its values of courage, steadfastness, love of truth and encouragement of responsibility. It follows the story of a young prince who journeys to save his brothers, transformed into animals by an evil sorceress. He overcomes great challenges – two giants and a fierce dragon – against all odds, saves his brothers and wins the princess.

The production is sponsored by the Friends of the New Deal Café Arts with support from the City of Greenbelt.



Beech Tree puppeteers Ingrid and Ole Hass guide as the prince meets the two clumsy giants who have been fighting for years.

Are You Looking for Your Letter?



If you don't see it, it could be because you didn't sign it and didn't give us a telephone number where we could reach you.

All letters must be signed and the letter writer's name, address and telephone number should be typed or clearly printed.

All letters are subject to editing for reasons of space, libel, taste and clarity. Letters are considered accepted when published.

Corrections

In the American Legion ad on page 3 last week for Saturday's Honky Tonk Dance, we erred in the name of one of the bands appearing – It was Karen Collins & The Backroads Band. The News Review regrets the error.

NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

GDC & GHI BOARDS OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Thursday, January 23, 2014

GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 7:30 PM

GDC Key Agenda Items:

- Impact of New Maryland Smoke Alarm Regulations on Parkway Apartments

GHI Key Agenda Items:

- Yard Line Certifications: 47A-F Ridge & 3A-L Eastway
- Marketing Committee's Recommendation Re: Visual Media Criteria for Photographs in Publications and Presentations
- Finance Committee's Recommendations Re: Responsibilities for Maintenance, Replacements and Loan Repayments for Phase 3 Pilot Heating/Cooling Systems
- Proposed Acquisition of a New Computer Server for Jenark Financial System, 1st Reading
- Review of Proposed Agenda for March 2nd Town Hall Meeting

Regular Board meetings are open to Members
For more information, visit our website - www.ghi.coop



To request a sign language interpreter for this meeting, go to <http://www.ghi.coop/content/interpreter-request-form>, or go to the GHI Office (One Hamilton Place) or contact us by phone (301-474-4161) or fax (301-474-4006).

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

WEEK OF JAN 17

AUGUST:
OSAGE COUNTY
(R)

FRIDAY
*5, 7:30, 9:45

SATURDAY
*2:30, *5, 7:30, 9:45

SUNDAY – MONDAY
*2:30, *5, 7:30

TUESDAY – THURSDAY
*5, 7:30

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Explorations Session Is on Reflexology

On Friday, January 17 Explorations Unlimited will focus on Reflexology, a system of massage using reflex points on the feet, hands and ears. The meeting at 1 p.m. in Room 114 at the Greenbelt Community Center will feature a presentation by Certified Reflexologist Glenda Bullock-Willis.

Bullock-Willis has conducted stress management/relaxation workshops for teachers, women's retreats, the Archdiocese of

Washington, at the prison in Lorton and at a Whitman Walker Clinic life skills program for adults with AIDS. Meditating for 35 years and counseling for over 30, her approach to life is based on balancing mind, body and spirit. Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. All are welcome and questions are encouraged.

For more information call 301-397-2208.

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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.
OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.

Community Events

GHI Notes

Thursday, January 16, 6:30 p.m., Investment Committee Meeting – Board Room

7:45 p.m., Finance Committee Meeting – Board Room

Friday, January 17, Office Closed. For emergency maintenance call 301-474-6011.

Monday, January 20, Office Closed. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. For emergency maintenance call 301-474-6011.

Tuesday, January 21, 7:30 p.m., Companion Animal Committee Meeting – GHI Lobby

Wednesday, January 22, 7 p.m., Buildings Committee Meeting – Board Room

Thursday, January 23, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting (Open Session) – Board Room

Saturday, January 25, 11 a.m., Pre-purchase Orientation – Board Room

Note: Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

Join the Cajun Jam At New Deal Café

On Wednesday, January 22 a free Cajun Jam will be held at the New Deal Café from 7 to 9:30 p.m. for dancers, musicians and listeners. Socializing will begin with food available for purchase at 6 p.m. Beginners are welcome.

For more information visit www.newdealcafe.com.

Greenbelt Open House For Parents on Jan. 24

On Friday, January 24 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. there will be a new parent open house at Greenbelt Elementary School (GES) for parents with kindergarteners who will start school in the fall and those with students elsewhere who are considering enrolling them at the school.

Join school staff and PTA members to discover learning opportunities at GES, tour the school and observe a classroom and ask questions of veteran GES parents.

The school is at 66 Ridge Road.

At the Library

All branches of the Prince George's County Library System will be closed on Monday, January 20 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Children's Programs

On Thursdays a librarian reads age-appropriate stories to children and parents that support early literacy by mixing stories with other fun activities including songs, rhymes and fingerplay.

Thursday, January 23, 10:30 a.m. Drop-in Storytime for ages 2 to 5 years. The usual 20-person room limit applies. Pick up a free ticket from the information desk before the session.

Read to Rover

Saturday, January 18, 2 p.m., for ages 6-11. Children build reading confidence by reading aloud to therapy dogs trained to listen. Each child will read for 15 minutes. Registration is required, call the branch for details.

Adult Programs

Tuesday, January 21, 7 p.m. In Adam Johnson's "The Orphan Master's Son," which won the 2013 Pulitzer Prize for fiction, Pak Jun Do is the haunted son of a lost mother and an influential father who runs a work camp for orphans. There the boy comes to the attention of superiors in the state, rises in the ranks and starts on a road from which there will be no return. Anyone who has read the book is welcome. Copies will be available at the library information desk through Friday, January 17.

For more information visit the Greenbelt Branch Library, call 301-345-5800 or go to www.pgcmls.info to review accounts, renew materials or for other library services. For automated phone renewal call 301-333-3111.



More Community Events are throughout the paper.

Greenbelt Recreation To Hold Blood Drive

The Greenbelt Recreation Department will sponsor a Red Cross blood donation drive on Friday, January 24 from 12:30 to 6 p.m. in the Community Center at 15 Crescent Road.

Blood donors must be at least 17 years old and meet minimum weight requirements. Bring a donor card, driver's license or two other forms of identification. Appointments are encouraged but not required.

For more information on donating or to make an appointment call 1-800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org.

Star Party Planned At Northway Fields

Weather permitting, on Saturday, January 18 the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt (ASG) will sponsor a star party at the newly-painted City of Greenbelt Observatory at Northway Field. Observing will begin as soon as it is dark enough, probably around 6 p.m. although telescopes may be set up earlier. Several members will have set up their personal telescopes and binoculars for the enjoyment of all.

Come enjoy a view of Jupiter with its four Galilean satellites and of the Orion nebula through the 14-inch Schmidt-Cassegrain telescope. Several star clusters also may be seen.

The star party will be canceled without notice if it is too cloudy. Attendees are asked to park in the ballfield lot, not up on the hill, unless bringing a telescope. All are welcome; there is no fee.

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

The Golden Age Club is moving into 2014 with its officers installed and ready to begin. On January 8 Director of Recreation Julie McHale installed the following 2014 officers: President Brenda Cooley, First Vice President John Henry Jones, Second Vice President Randi Anderson, Recording Secretary Bunny Fitzgerald and Corresponding Secretary Suzie Marley.

Many thanks to these members for volunteering. Let's give them lots of support and help through the year and do our best to bring in new members.

A big thank-you to Past President Cathie Brannon for all she has done for the Club. She will now be the Sunshine person who sends cards and good cheer to members.

We will play Bingo for prizes on January 22.

Meetings are cancelled if schools are closed due to bad weather.

Have a happy and healthy New Year. Remember to keep smiling – it makes people wonder what you've been up to!

Kids' Open Microphone

There will be a Kids' Open Microphone session at the New Deal Café on Sunday, January 19 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Children up to age 17 are invited to play a musical instrument, sing, dance, juggle, recite a poem or otherwise perform. For details call Anne Gardner at 301-220-1721 or email annegrdn@yahoo.com.

Anger Management Training Offered

A course in dispute resolution and managing anger will be presented by Greenbelt CARES at the Greenbelt Community Center from 7 to 8 p.m. on Mondays from January 27 through March 31, a total of nine sessions (no class February 17). There is a fee for the workbook. This is an adult group for those age 18 and over.

Certificates of completion will be awarded for participation in all nine sessions. Call 301-345-6660 by January 22 to enroll. The group will be led by Teresa Smithson, LCSW-C, DCSW and CARES counseling intern staff.

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WEEK OF JAN 17

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY & TUESDAY

Nut Job, in 3D, PG (!)

9:30

Nut Job, in 2D, PG (!)

11, 1:05, 3:10, 5:10, 7:20

Ride Along, PG-13 (!)

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7, 7:40, 9:40, 10:10

Devil's Due, R (!)

11:10, 1:45, 4:20, 7:15, 9:40

Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit, PG-13 (!)

11:25, 2, 4:25, 7:05, 9:30

Lone Survivor, R (!)

11, 1:50, 4:30, 7:30, 10:10

The Legend of Hercules, PG-13 (!)

11:20, 2, 4:25, 7:10, 9:50

Paranormal Activity, R

7:35, 9:50

Frozen, PG

11:10, 1:35, 4

MONDAY & WEDNESDAY

Nut Job, PG (!)

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Ride Along, PG-13 (!)

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Beech Tree Puppets presents

THE CRYSTAL BALL

A Grimms' Fairy Tale

Adapted for Marionette Puppet Theater



Suited for Age 5 through 105. Show duration: 45 minutes.

This production is sponsored by the Friends of New Deal Cafe Arts (FONDCA) with support from the City of Greenbelt

Greenbelt, Roosevelt Center
Sunday, January 26
2:00pm
Admission Free
For more info, visit
www.newdealcafe.com or
www.beechtreepuppets.com

Greenbelt Arts Center THIS WEEKEND ONLY!

TALES OF TERROR: Poe's Birthday Bash!

Guest production from the Renaissance Man

January 17-19, 2014

Friday & Saturday at 8:00pm

Sunday Matinee at 2:00pm

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\$12 Child (12& under)

For information & reservations,
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Coming Soon

The Vagina Monologues: January 24 – February 8, 2014
guest production from The Rude Mechanicals
Come Back to the Five And Dime, Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean - Feb 21 - Mar 13

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In Memoriam
Katherine Keene

As a former student of Katherine Keene from her days at High Point High School, I know what an inspiring teacher she was. But she also had a wicked sense of humor – and we liked her for that as much as anything else. I remember one incident in particular that demonstrated her wit.

One day during the morning announcements over the public address system, our principal told us that he was very upset because he had noticed that some of the female students were arriving to school in the morning with their hair in curlers. Once they were at school, the girls quickly went to the restrooms to remove the kerchiefs covering their hair and the curlers and brushed out their hair for the day. But our principal felt very strongly that arriving in curlers was a grave sign of disrespect to the school and their education. It was obvious from his tone and words that he viewed this matter very seriously indeed!

The next day Miss Keene, who wore her dark hair with bangs, came to school with her bangs carefully pinned into circular spit curls with bobby pins in a row across her forehead. She went through the day as if nothing was unusual about her appearance and as far as I know did not remove the pin curls while she was at school. I don't know if anyone said anything to her, but certainly everyone noticed what she had done.

Was she making a statement? I thought so at the time. Katherine Keene cared about our education very much but she knew the difference between trivial concerns and serious ones that were worth debating!

– Barbara Simon

Kids' Free Throw Championship

On Saturday, January 25 from 10 a.m. to noon the Greenbelt Knights of Columbus will sponsor a Youth Free Throw Championship for boys and girls ages 9 to 14 at the St. Hugh's School Gymnasium, 145 Crescent Road.

This free fun for kids is a local competition held annually, with winners progressing through local, district and state competitions, with KofC International announcing international champions based on scores at state-level competitions. Youngsters compete in age divisions, with all local level contestants receiving recognition for participating.

All children from 9 to 14 are eligible and must furnish proof of age and written parental consent. Additional information and entry forms are available from Sean Bailey by emailing pgkbailey@gmail.com.

Mishkan Torah Offers Program on Security

On Sunday, January 19 at 10:30 a.m. there will be a program sponsored by Mishkan Torah's Adult Education Committee



on personal security. George Mathews, Greenbelt Police Department Public Information Specialist and Community Liaison, will address home security, safety when traveling and what to do in case of an "active shooter." All are invited to the free program.

Mathews was a police officer for 25 years, the last 23 of those with the Greenbelt police where he was a patrol officer, crime prevention and community relations officer, press information officer and a DARE officer. He was Hyattsville's Officer of the Year in 1985, county Community Services Officer of the Year in 2004, received the Sam Walker Lifetime Achievement Award as Maryland's DARE Officer of the Year in 2007 and most recently worked after his retirement as a crime prevention specialist with the Maryland Community Crime Prevention Institute from 2009 to 2013. Mathews is married with two teenage daughters.

Mishkan Torah is at 10 Ridge Road. Light refreshments will be available for purchase at 9:45 a.m.

Our Neighbors

Condolences to Gail Nowlan and her sisters on the death of their father Francis J. ("Frank") Nowlan, 89, on December 31, 2013. A funeral Mass was offered at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Upper Marlboro on January 14, with interment at Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery. Mr. Nowlan lived with Gail in Greenbelt in his later years.

Congratulations to:

– Greenbelt and county public schools chief, CEO Dr. Kevin M. Maxwell, who was named one of four finalists for the title of 2014 National Superintendent of the Year by school superintendents association AASA. The final selection will be in mid-February in Nashville. The award also includes a \$10,000 college scholarship to the high school from which the winner graduated or that currently serves that area. Maxwell graduated from Bladensburg High School.

– Greenbelt Middle School, which won an EGATE (Excellence in Gifted and Talented Education) award for Maryland for 2014.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. To send information for "Our Neighbors," email us at newsreview@verizon.net or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

– Kathleen McFarland

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Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.

Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe

Our Neighbors

Condolences to Gail Nowlan and her sisters on the death of their father Francis J. ("Frank") Nowlan, 89, on December 31, 2013. A funeral Mass was offered at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Upper Marlboro on January 14, with interment at Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery. Mr. Nowlan lived with Gail in Greenbelt in his later years.

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Worship Service 10 a.m.

Celebrating Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday

On Sunday, January 19th, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference of Prince Georges County will be hosting a service to commemorate Martin Luther King Jr.'s 85th birthday. The service will be held at the Greenbelt Baptist Church building and will begin at 4:00pm.

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Sunday Worship
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January 19, 10 a.m.

Who's Got Shoes? The Morality of Income Disparity
Rev. Diane Teichert, Director of Religious Exploration

Dayna Edwards, Worship Associate Bettie Young,

with the Choir and Chalice Dancers

In honor of the birthday of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., we will explore his words on poverty, inequality and greed.

Newcomers are invited for informal conversation with the

Minister in her office from 11:30 to 12:30.

Volunteer for Warm Nights in the Foyer after the service.

Community Family Game Night

Berwyn Baptist Church
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Saturday
January 25th
4:30 – 7:30 pm

- Winter Message
- Refreshments
- Games

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All Ages



Sunday, January 26th
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Upcoming Events At New Deal Café

Thursday, January 16 pianist Amy C. Kraft plays midday melodies from noon to 2 p.m., with an open microphone session with Joe Harris in the evening from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, January 17, John Guernsey plays classical and jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m., then The Badger Band headlines with Grateful Dead and originals from 8 to 11 p.m.

Saturday, January 18 Bruce Kritt plays classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m. followed by Guernsey's up-tempo jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Saskia and the Truly Unruly Band play eclectic blues from 8 to 11 p.m. Sunday, January 19 the weekly deaf brunch discussion is from 10:30 a.m. to noon and the Not 2 Cool Jazz Trio plays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The monthly kid's open microphone session is from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. From 6 to 8 p.m. the Fez Tones Hafla offers live Middle Eastern music and dance, with musicians playing the oud, darbuka and riq.

Next Week

Monday, January 20 the Reel & Meal at the New Deal will show the film "In Transition 2.0" at 7 p.m., preceded by the optional vegan buffet at 6:30 p.m. On Wednesday, January 22 the monthly Cajun Music Jam will be held with all invited to bring instruments and join in from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, January 23 Kraft plays midday melodies from noon to 2 p.m.; there will be a Songwriter's Association of Washington open microphone session from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, January 24 Guernsey plays classical and jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m., then Moondog Medicine Show headlines with funky blues from 8 to 11 p.m.

On Saturday, January 25 Greg Meyer's Community Jazz Jam will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. Guernsey plays up-tempo jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m., followed by other-worldly music from the Bardo Brothers from 8 to 11 p.m. Sunday, January 26 the weekly deaf brunch discussion is from 10:30 a.m. to noon. At 2 p.m. the Beech Tree Puppets and their hand-crafted, multi-cultured marionettes perform "The Crystal Ball," a Grimms' fairy tale with giants, dragons, sorceresses and a princess.

GCAN Nuclear Energy Film and Discussion

On Tuesday, January 21 at 7 p.m. the Greenbelt Climate Action Network (GCAN) will show "Pandora's Promise" in Room 114 at the Greenbelt Community Center.

After the 90-minute film there will be a half hour of open discussion intended as a civil debate of the issue.

Pandora's Promise asks whether the one technology people fear most could save the planet from a climate catastrophe and provide energy needed to lift billions of people in the developing world out of poverty. It tells intensely personal stories of environmentalists and energy experts who have undergone a radical conversion from being fiercely anti- to strongly pro-nuclear energy, risking careers and reputations in the process.

For details contact Lore Rosenthal at lore@simplicity-matters.org or at 301-345-2234.



City Information

MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF January 20-24

Monday, January 20, **MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY - NO MEETINGS**

Wednesday, January 22 at 8:00pm, **COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION (see notice below)**.

Wednesday, January 22 at 7:00pm, **ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD MEETING** at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

Thursday, January 23 at 7:00pm, **FOREST PRE-SERVE ADVISORY BOARD** at Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Room 114. On the Agenda: Prohibited activities in FP: trapping wildlife and Review community gardens reports (Hamilton & Henrys Hollow) Contact: Celia Craze at 301-474-2760 or ccraze@greenbeltdmd.gov

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

In accordance with Section 10-508(a)(14) of the State Government Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland, an Executive Session of the Greenbelt City Council will be held on Wednesday, January 22, 2014, at 8:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the contents of proposals received to develop an Economic Development Strategy.

Cindy Murray CMC, City Clerk

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Arts Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee and Youth Advisory Committee

For information call 301-474-8000.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY OF SERVICE

In observance of the upcoming Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, the Greenbelt City Council and the Community Relations Advisory Board join President Obama and others by encouraging residents to take part in community service opportunities. During these challenging economic times, the demands on service organizations are greater than ever. Throughout the City's history, Greenbelters have generously volunteered their time for the betterment of our community.

You can use the links below to find more information on service opportunities in our area.

The City's many volunteer organizations can use your help. A list of clubs and contacts is available at www.greenbeltdmd.gov/clubsandcontacts
The online home of President Obama's "United We Serve" initiative: www.serve.gov

Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service: www.mlkday.gov



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HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Offices will be closed on Monday, January 20, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. The Greenbelt Connection will not be operating that day.

REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Week of January 20th

Monday Route – Collected Tuesday
Tuesday Route – Collected Wednesday
Wednesday Route – Collected Thursday
Thursday Route – Collected Friday

There will be no appliance or yard waste collections on Friday, January 24th.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25TH

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Public Works Yard-555 Crescent Road

City residents can recycle old and/or unwanted computers and other electronic items.

Bring your items to Greenbelt Public Works, 555 Crescent Road.

Accepted items include: TVs, CPUs, monitors, keyboards, mice, printers, laptop computers, recording equipment, speakers, scanners, surge protectors, wires and power cords, fax machines, cameras, telephones, radios, DVD players, VCRs, batteries taped on one end, expanded polystyrene (block "Styrofoam" #6) – NO cups, egg-cartons nor food trays.

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For further information, contact the Greenbelt Recycling Office at 240-542-2153.

Health Assessment and Services (HAS) Program

The HAS Program is an interdisciplinary team approach to health and wellness. Residents will have access to nursing, social work, public health and therapeutic recreation services in the home. All services are free to Greenbelt residents 50+ or disabled adults. These services are provided by senior college level interns or master degree candidates under the supervision of a clinical field instructor. Services include the following:

- **Assessments— Nursing, Social Work Assessments or Therapeutic Recreation Assessments**
- **Services—Weekly assistance with bathing, vital signs monitoring, blood sugar management, health education, advocacy with physicians, medication management, limited wound care, case management services, counseling, linkage services and programs, health and wellness education and mobile therapeutic recreation services for homebound residents**

Services are provided on Thursdays between the hours of 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. If you would like to register for the HAS Program please contact the GAIL Program office at 301-345-6660. Once registered a staff person from the GAIL Program will contact you to schedule an initial assessment.

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changes. Here is a list of those most significant.

Administration: The consultants found that the Assistant City Manager had no supervisory responsibilities except in the absence of the manager and recommended this person be responsible for performance management. Eventually the city should employ a second assistant manager to better focus the city on high priority issues (cost \$70,000 plus benefits).

Another staff person should be employed to create an intergovernmental presence for grants, communications and economic development (cost \$80,000, plus benefits). The city clerk should implement paperless meeting agendas and reports, as well as expand automated records management.

A third human resources position should be added (cost \$50,000 to \$100,000 plus benefits). Information technology should report directly to the city manager or assistant manager and one to two persons should be added to address backlog in service (cost \$50,000 plus benefits).

Planning and Community Development: Consolidate engineering functions in this department and hire a city engineer (cost \$65,000 plus benefits). Remove parking enforcement and animal control from this department and place in an expanded Recreation Department to include responsibility for other community services.

Contract or employ a part-time staff person to focus on economic development (cost \$25,000). Convert an administrative position to a permit technician to expedite planning, zoning and building applications. Conduct a fee study to ensure costs are covered (cost \$20,000). Develop a more proactive code enforcement approach.

Police Department: Create a new position of deputy police chief to improve departmental coordination and reallocate duties for two, instead of three, captains (net cost \$30,000 plus benefits). For field officers a target should be set of being proactive 45 percent of the time.

Consolidate property and evidence functions under one supervisor. Reassign the canine unit to operations. Reassign the police mechanic to the Public Works Department.

Recreation and Parks Department: Keep parks maintenance a responsibility of the Public Works Department and transfer to it all maintenance responsibilities. Expand the focus of the department to include a wider array of community services such as animal control and parking enforcement.

Conduct a fee study and develop a cost recovery policy (cost \$40,000). Develop service level standards for parks, devise parks condition assessment inspection worksheets and initiate a work order system to monitor completions.

Public Works Department: With transfer of engineering functions to the Department of Planning and Community Development, eliminate one assistant director position (cost savings of \$66,500 plus benefits). Consolidate the positions of playground and ball field

maintenance supervisors (cost savings of \$60,000 plus benefits).

Consolidate equipment and fleet maintenance under one manager. Add a trades building maintenance position (cost \$46,000 plus benefits). Acquire a pavement management system to better evaluate and prioritize the need for road repairs.

Greenbelt CARES: Continue the program and develop a space needs assessment.

Employee Survey

The consultant's project team developed an employee survey for this assignment, with over 62% of employees responding (111 of 179) – a high response rate for this type of survey, they said. Matrix reported these findings: There was strong agreement with statements about the strength of supervision and the training/support provided to employees.

But the use of performance appraisals is in stark contrast. There was disagreement among employees with statements about internal cooperation (outside of administrative services) and staffing.

In addition, comments about staffing conflicted with perceptions of the amount of work. Outside of the Police Department, management and management systems were given high marks by employees. Outside of Public Works, employees generally gave high marks to the use of technology.

Council Comments

Mayor Emmett Jordan asked Brady if he found Greenbelt to be unique. Brady responded that in some ways it was, such as in some social services programs and in planning and recreation.

In the Executive Summary section of the report, the consultant states: "Many local governments perceive they are 'unique' in terms of the issues that they face or their respective approaches to resolve these issues. The City of Greenbelt may very well be that rare animal, the unique local government. . . . What separates Greenbelt from other communities and their operations is the city's willingness to treat individual situations as exceptional cases. This extends to the relationship between the city and its residents as well as the city and its employees.

"This is evident in the annual budget document where the emphasis on performance reporting does not lay [sic] on activity accounts or efficiency indexes. Rather, the city measures its accomplishments in every area of its operations in individual anecdotal statements or achievements throughout the year and how these impacted others in their daily lives.

" . . . In the Greenbelt way, the exception becomes the norm."

Police Department

In discussing the Police Department, it was noted that the employee survey found a high degree of dissatisfaction among officers with the way the department was operated. Jordan asked if having an employee union helped cause this high level of dissatisfaction. Brady felt, however, it was something more than that.

He thought there was a poor understanding of the line of command. He felt that too much emphasis was being placed on the ability to respond quickly. This

results in too many personnel being allocated so as to be able to respond when called, he said.

He urged the department instead to devote more activity to being proactive in their duties rather than reactive. He suggested a ratio of 60 to 40 percent between the two.

Jordan asked if this meant the department should be cut back in size. But Brady said no, personnel needed to be more strident; more targeted.

Arts Program

Councilmember Konrad Herling asked if the city's arts program should be separated out from recreation and perhaps made a part of economic development as the State of Maryland was doing.

Such a placement was a new concept to Brady, however, who thought it should continue to be a part of recreation. This should be expanded in turn to include other community services, the consultant said.

Councilmember Leta Mach questioned placing animal control under community services, noting the enforcement aspect of the program. Brady thought another placement could be with the police (as it once had been).

A longstanding issue has been whether parks maintenance should be a function of the Department of Parks and Recreation or

a Public Works Department function. While recommending that the service should continue to be provided by Public Works, Brady felt it was important for that department to set standards of maintenance that were satisfactory to the user; i.e., the Recreation Department.

Next Steps

City Manager Michael McLaughlin told council he felt the timing of the report was good as it could be used as a matter of discussion in his upcoming meetings with departments concerning next year's budget proposals. Councilmember Edward Putens thought it was necessary for the recommendations of the report to work their way "from the top down and then back up to the top again." Councilmember Judith Davis thought the report was an appropriate topic for an upcoming retreat planned by council.

McLaughlin complimented Brady for the report. He thought the consultants, for the most part, had taken a very accurate snapshot of the organization. It has identified the quality of work that the city has achieved.

Many of the proposed changes relate to items that staff and council had been talking about, McLaughlin thought. For example, he had previously advised council on the need to

increase Information Technology staffing. He recognized, he said, that the recommendations dealt with matters that needed to be addressed.

Jordan asked how cities go about implementing their reports. Brady recommended that after council holds another meeting with the consultant (tentatively scheduled for some time in February), council should refer the report to staff and request that they come back with a report on where they agree and disagree with the report, plus a plan for implementation of the accepted recommendations.

"Don't Get Nervous"

Jordan cautioned anyone watching the meeting that might not to get nervous about any recommendations the report has made. Employees should not feel threatened, he said.

Councilmember Silke Pope suggested that people get nervous when changes are being made. She thought it would be best to make small changes over time rather than big changes all at once.

Davis said, "We have a background that is unique. We may not accept all changes. We want citizen input first."

Herling said, "I do not consider this report to be the Bible." He called it a tool which council and staff will consider how to use.

Beltway Plaza Mall Local Heroes Wall of Fame Induction

To honor local citizens who've achieved success in their careers and helped our community, Beltway Plaza Mall will induct 3 local VIPs including Former Greenbelt Mayor J. Davis, Pastor Dan Hamlin and Prince George's County Police Department K9 Team, Andy & Sgt. Robert Heverly. Refreshments will be served.

Location: West Side Mall Entrance Hallway (between DOTS and Super Beauty), Date/Time: Saturday, January 18, 2-4 pm

Our Inductees

Greenbelt Councilwoman "J" Davis



Judith F. "J" Davis is in her eleventh term on the Greenbelt City Council and served as Mayor from 1997 to 2013, the longest continuously serving Mayor in Greenbelt's history. Prior to her election to the City Council in 1993, she was appointed to the City's Advisory Planning Board (APB) for 10 years and was elected Chair by its members from 1988 to 1992. Davis represents the Council on the Anacostia Trails Heritage Area Board of Directors.



Retired Pastor Daniel R. Hamlin

Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ (1984-2012). Life-long Community Activist and Advocate for Peace and Justice. Organized and supported numerous events in support of the poor and hungry in Prince George's County and around the world. Past President of the Board of Directors, Help By Phone, providing food, shelter, and other services to people in need in Prince George's County.



Sergeant Robert Heverly and Partner K9 Andy

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Trapping

If the city decided to get rid of the beavers from the lake, Bendel said, trapping season is from December 15 to March 15 and no permit would be required. The city as the owner would have the right to trap the beavers. The beavers would then be euthanized in a humane manner and their skins sold. There is no relocating in Maryland.

Even though there has been tree loss, beavers will not remove all the trees in an area. Beavers need the habitat to survive and are instrumental in the circle of life and to what creatures will inhabit an area. Studies have shown that the bio-diversity for habitat is three times greater where beavers are present.

Benefits

As one becomes more conscious of the environment, wildlife is encouraged to return. As wildlife returns, people need to find ways to coexist. Beavers are amazing creatures that provide valuable ecological services. Beavers, like people, build structures in order to modify their habitat. Beavers create wetlands, which provide valuable habitat not only for themselves, but also for many other creatures. Beaver dams help clean streams and remove excessive sediment.

Negative Impacts

While beavers are important, they can create problems in urban environments. Ecologically valuable forestation

along streams (riparian zones) can be destroyed by beavers cutting down trees. The cambium layer of trees (located just beneath the bark) is an important source of food for beavers in the fall and winter. In a healthy ecosystem, the loss of these trees would be part of a natural forest succession. However, consideration and awareness that invasive exotic plants could disrupt the forest succession needs to be monitored and restricted from happening. As a result, the beavers' feeding practices could negatively affect their environment. Beavers can also create serious and expensive problems in streams and stormwater ponds that could flood low lying property.

Recommendations

At this time city staff is not recommending trapping of the beavers and believes that the city position to co-exist with beavers is the best approach. Additional tree protection will be installed to protect significant trees that are in danger of being cut down. Three foot high cages will be installed around those trees. A temporary fence will be installed at one location parallel to the lake path where the beavers are cutting down trees along Lakeside Drive.

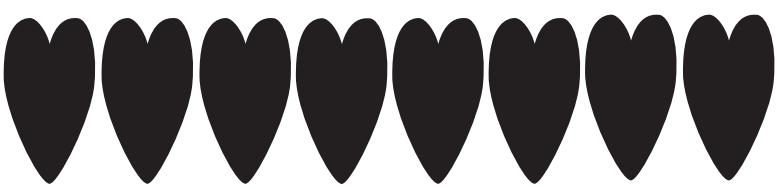
It is recommended that the felled trees be left in place for food for beavers and that natural succession of the forest is allowed to happen. Obviously trees that are dangerous or blocking a path or structure

will be removed. Consideration of additional planting in areas where beaver damage has occurred will be considered on a case by case basis.

At this time the city is recommending the dam at the forebay remain in place. It is raising the water level of the forebay and improving the quality of the water going into the lake.

The problem with co-existing with beavers comes down to how much modification of the land will be tolerated. Right now there has been increased beaver activity but it is directly related to additional beavers being in the area. Routine inspection will continue and if the beavers become over populated in the lake area, trapping may be required.

James Sterling is the city's assistant director of Public Works.



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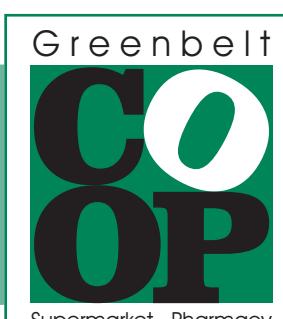
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Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Assault

January 2, 11:25 p.m., 6200 Springhill Court. A man was injured from being hit in the head with a dinner plate during his involvement in a verbal argument with another man. The suspect then threatened the man with a knife before leaving the scene. The injured man was taken by ambulance to Doctor's Community Hospital to be treated. A warrant had been obtained charging the suspect with 1st Degree and 2nd Degree Assault.

Carjacking

January 4, 10:54 p.m. A 2002 Lexus ES300 4-door, initially taken December 27 at 6000 Springhill Drive during a carjacking, was recovered by the Howard County Police. Two arrests were made.

Disorderly Conduct

January 5, 7:20 p.m., 9100 Edmonston Terrace. A 14-year-old Greenbelt teenager was arrested for disorderly conduct after attempting to fight with another youth. He was released to a parent pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

Trespassing

January 2, 12:57 p.m., 6100 Breezewood Court. A 31-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with trespassing after being found in a vacant apartment. The man was released on citation pending trial.

Burglary

January 3, 8:08 p.m., 6100 Breezewood Court. Seven teenagers were arrested for burglary after they were found inside a vacant apartment. Six of the youths were from Greenbelt, and one was a nonresident; they ranged from 15 to 17-years-old. All were released to their parents pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

January 6, 11:13 p.m., 6700 Lake Park Drive. Unknown means were used by unknown person(s) to enter the residence. Money was taken.

Malicious Burning

January 8, 4:45 p.m., 5900 Cherrywood Terrace. Unknown person(s) attempted to burn paper in the hallway of an apartment building. Two potential suspects seen in the building area are described as a white male, 5'8", 150 lbs., and a black male, 5'9", 145 lbs.

Vandalism

January 8, 6:22 p.m., 6000 Springhill Drive. An unused laundry room was vandalized by unknown person(s).

Vehicle Crime

7100 Lake Drive. A 2011 Acura MDX 4-door was stolen and recovered the same day, January 7, by Anne Arundel County Police. No arrests were made.

9000 Breezewood Terrace. Attempted stolen vehicle on January 3.

9200 Springhill Lane. A green 1998 Dodge Dakota pickup was stolen on January 3, Md. Tags 1BD0654.

Warrant Servers Find Marijuana Growing

Service of a warrant on January 8 by Maryland State Police and the U.S. Marshall's Fugitive Task Force in the 9100 block of Edmonston Road resulted in the discovery of several marijuana plants being grown in a closet in a residence. They then called in assistance from the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Task Force.

The suspect was arrested and charged with manufacturing a controlled dangerous substance, possession of marijuana with intent to distribute and possession of marijuana and transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner. A total of 14 plants were seized.

6100 Springhill Terrace. A rear tag, Md. 05987M3, was stolen from a vehicle on January 3.

A 2005 Jeep Cherokee, reported stolen December 31 from 5900 Cherrywood Terrace, was recovered by Metropolitan Police Department in N.E. Washington D.C. on January 2. No arrests were made.

A 2000 Dodge Stratus 4-door, reported stolen December 15 from 6100 Breezewood Drive, was recovered on January 4 by the Hagerstown Police Department. No arrests were made.

9200 Springhill Lane. A 1998 Nissan Maxima 4-door, reported stolen to the Prince George's County Police Department, was recovered on January 6. No arrests were made.

A 1998 Dodge Dakota pickup, reported stolen January 3 from 5900 Cherrywood Terrace, was recovered by the Metropolitan Police Department. No arrests were made.

A 2005 Cadillac Escalade, reported stolen May 15 from 7800 Mandan Road, was recovered by Charles County Sheriff's Department in Waldorf on January 8. No arrests were made.

7400 Greenway Center Drive. A briefcase and laptop computer were taken from an unlocked vehicle on January 6.

100 Westway. Four tires and rims were taken from a vehicle on January 4.

7600 Ora Glen Drive. On January 4, a purse and its contents were removed from a vehicle after the front passenger window was broken by an unknown person.

6500 Capital Drive. On January 6, the center console storage unit was removed from a vehicle by an unknown person after breaking a window.

9100 Edmonston Road. Unknown person(s) broke the rear window of a vehicle on January 1.

7200 Morrison Drive. The front passenger window of a vehicle was broken by an unknown person on January 9.

Breast Cancer Support Group

On Tuesday, January 21 from 7 to 9 p.m. Doctors Community Hospital will hold a breast cancer support group for men. The meeting will take place on the 5th floor of the North Building at 8100 Good Luck Road.

The group is facilitated by men whose loved ones are breast cancer survivors. Registration is required; call 301-324-4968.

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all components under one umbrella was a challenging and time-consuming exercise for planning staff but it had also proved enlightening. Regarding substantial sections describing city resources and capacities, she said, "I had no idea we were doing some of these things!"

Sources of Plan

The plan itself is broad and flexible – not a chronological list of steps to be taken but rather a summary of initiatives and projects to revitalize areas depending on local priorities. Consistent with Greenbelt's previous Community Legacy designation, the new application would designate the entire city as a Sustainable Community.

Components of the plan are drawn from a number of other recent projects and reports that received substantial vetting by residents, the city council's advisory boards and committees and by the council itself. For example, the plan incorporates prior Community Legacy activities, the city council's vision and goals that resulted from the 2012 community visioning sessions, strategies contained in the Adopted Greenbelt Metro Area and MD 193 Corridor Plan and such recent initiatives as the Pedestrian and Bicyclist Master Plan, the Bus Stop Safety and Accessibility Plan, the Green ACES Sustainability Plan and the city's current fiscal year budget rationale.

Hruby said that as specific projects come up, additional comment will be sought from residents and stakeholder groups to which they relate.

Hruby added that the work plan is a broad outline that can be formally amended and informally modified to reflect changes in priorities and availability of funding and staff. The major areas are economic development, housing, transportation, environment and community enhancement and preservation.

Included Projects

Projects included in the application follow. No priority is implied in the ordering, however. As Hruby explained, it is often the case that projects are pursued as appropriate funding and staff time become available.

Economic Development: Preserve the character, walkability and economic viability of Roosevelt Center; define the city's role in economic development; increase involvement and support for the business community; attract high-quality, transit-oriented development to the Greenbelt Metro Station; ensure viability of retail centers; enhance gateway and way-finding signage; support the Farmers Market.

Housing: Work with property owners to upgrade older housing units in historic Greenbelt; increase affordable housing; support residents who wish to age in place; increase access to transit; support GHI initiatives; protect the integrity of the housing stock through code enforcement; find funding for additional staff for the Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) program.

Transportation: Provide a continuous network of sidewalks, bikeway and trails for alternative transportation; continue to lobby for expanded bus service; maximize available

transit resources for efficiency; coordinate bus operations to encourage ridership; provide "complete streets" to meet users' mobility and access needs; implement "green street" initiatives; evaluate feasibility of a bike-share program; improve bus stops to increase accessibility; continue access to University of Maryland shuttle; implement the Pedestrian and Bicyclist Master Plan; keep transportation infrastructure in good repair; continue traffic-calming measures; participate in Safe Routes to Schools programs.

Environment: Promote energy efficiency and use of renewable energy in all sectors; increase availability of locally produced food; promote green building practices and sustainable transportation; increase the city's recycling rate and its fleet of alternative vehicles; protect and enhance green spaces and tree canopy; restore degraded stream channels; implement Greenbelt Lake Watershed Study; undertake improvements to Greenbelt Dam; develop "green street" policy and undertake projects.

Community Enhancement and Historic Preservation: Continue counseling and education services, school resource officer program and support services for seniors, the disabled and their families; maintain CALEA accreditation for the Police Department; expand use of social media; support neighborhood watch initiatives; renovate the historic Greenbelt Theater;

address right-of-way issues with GHI; upgrade existing playgrounds; complete recreation facility improvements to address ADA and energy issues; implement the Buddy Attick Park Master Plan; explore land acquisition possibilities under Program Open Space.

Council Praise

Councilmembers had high praise for the application. Councilmember Konrad Herling described the scope as "very holistic in terms of the city's planning." Hruby said she was aware that some items had been left out since she had exhausted the number of words permitted in the application but that they could be included later.

Councilmember Judith Davis suggested adding the community gardens and the Greenbelt News Review in the discussion of community resources. Herling asked also to include the compressed natural gas (CNG) recharging station as a project.

Mayor Emmett Jordan thought that specifically mentioning the city's ESL and GED classes in the context of workforce development would be worthwhile and Councilmember Leta Mach mentioned the city's policy on living wage in that context as well.

Jordan also raised a question about accountability. He asked just what the city is expected to complete or accomplish of this long list of worthy projects within five years. In this regard City Manager Michael

McLaughlin had earlier stressed that this application should not be thought of as being similar to a grant application. Rather, he said, it is to maintain eligibility to apply for state monies for which the city would then be accountable for undertaking specific work.

The Sustainable Communities application is itself more like a map of directions in which the city would like to travel over the next five years, he added. But it is always subject to revisions and opportunities for side trips that may arise.

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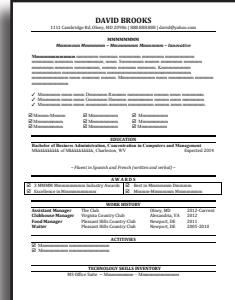
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Greenbelt Precipitation Preservation and Percussion Society at the start of the parade. Left to right: Dorian Winterfield, Luisa Robles, Chris Colvin, Johanna Goderre Jones, Beth LeaMond, Stephen Duda, Alan Duda, Amy Swackhamer, Frank DeBernardo and Karen Wallace.

Labor Day Festival

Rain Barrel Percussionists Entertain Parade Viewers

by Tom Jones

The all-volunteer Greenbelt Precipitation Preservation and Percussion Society (GPP&PS), which was awarded "Most Humorous" by the 2013 Labor Day Festival, had created a percussion ensemble that included a lawn sprinkler tambourine, a rain stick made from a downspout, a didgeridoo of PVC plumbing and a steel watering can, all rhythmically steadied by a thundering 55-gallon rain barrel mounted on their human-propelled parade float.

Dressed in a rainbow of colors, the team provided a two-minute performance at several intersections along the parade route and at the judges' reviewing stand.

GPP&PS promotes on-site storage of precipitation in rain barrels. Water thus stored in rain barrels won't run off into streams. Instead, as the homeowner uses the stored rainwater around the home and garden, it will absorb slowly into the ground, thus replenishing groundwater supplies. By decreasing storm runoff, rain barrels moderate erosion and reduce pollution in lakes, rivers and the Chesapeake Bay.

Rhythmic Percussion

Chris Colvin coached the team on rhythmic percussion to ensure that the result wasn't a cacophonic hail of noise. "I've worked with many drummers but never quite like this," said Amy Swackhamer, who played sheet metal to create thunder during the performance, "The Society," she said, is precisely the sort of thing that seems to happen in Greenbelt."

Beth LeaMond, who played the bass barrel along the parade route, said, "I love music and frontier-style environmental preservation. This was a great way to combine two of my passions!"

Dorian Winterfeld who played a five-gallon bucket with drumsticks, said, "Greenbelt is such a supportive community that anyone can find a place to shine, even with homemade

instruments."

Stephen Duda, 9, playing the role of the flower that blooms when the rain barrel channels the rainfall, added, "I get so upset when water is wasted." His father, Alan Duda, noted, "I learn something new from this Society every year. I didn't know barrels were primarily to prevent runoff and preserve water as a bonus."

Other Society members were Frank DeBernardo, Johanna Goderre Jones, Tom Jones, Luisa Robles and Karen Wallace.

Barrel Purchase

To support the environmental benefits of rain barrels, Greenbelt Homes Incorporated (GHI) has a Rain Barrel Purchase Program that buys in bulk for lower prices. Call 301-474-4161, ext. 143 for more information.

Prince George's County also has a rebate program providing up to \$100 to those installing rain barrels that store at least 100 gallons and up to \$2,500 to those creating a rain garden.

A video of the Society performance is available at <http://spril.com/Rain>.

The society, formed to march in the parade with a creative theme, holds no regular meetings. Several team members were part of several earlier societies – in reverse order, last year's Greenbelt Society for the Preambling Friezes of History as a Foundation for the Future, 2011's Greenbelt Recycling and Sustainability Society, 2010's Get My Drift Society, 2009's Greenbelt Sun-Dried Garmenture Society Drill Team and 2008's Greenbelt Reel Lawnmower Society Precision Drill Team.

This year's performance was dedicated to the elder Karen Wallace, a drummer extraordinaire, who was prevented by cancer from leading the percussive society. Sadly, she died on September 26, 2013.

Martha Heil and Dar Veverka created the costumery for this year's winning parade entry.

Reel & Meal Film Is "In Transition 2.0"

Monday, January 20 at 7 p.m. the monthly Reel & Meal at the New Deal film to be shown at the New Deal Café is "In Transition 2.0." There is an optional vegan buffet meal available for purchase at 6:30 p.m. before the free film and discussion.

In Transition deals with the Transition movement, which is focused on preparations for climate change and peak oil, and gathers stories from around the world of ordinary people doing extraordinary things – communities printing their own money, growing food everywhere, localizing economies and setting up community power stations – and is a story of hope and ingenuity.

The discussion afterward will be led by Margo Duesterhaus, a co-founder of Transition Howard County, the first official Maryland Transition initiative, Lore Rosenthal and John Lippert. Rosenthal is the program coordinator for Greenbelt Climate Action Network, which along with the Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society, have already done many similar local projects: Three Sister Gardens, Food Forest, re-skilling workshops, community solar, the Greenbelt Time Bank, worker-cooperative incubators and promoting wind energy.

Lippert is chair of the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability that is involved in myriad improved efficiency and management efforts and also working toward having the city certified as a sustainable community.

The Reel & Meal program is coordinated by the Prince George's County Peace and Justice Coalition, Green Vegan Network and Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group, with co-sponsorship this month by the Greenbelt Bahai community.

For more information call Susan Barnett at 443-388-2961, email susnbarn@eathlink.net or visit <http://newdealcafe.com/events/reelAndMeal/>.

First Repair Café To Be Saturday

The first Repair Café in the Mid-Atlantic region opens this Saturday, January 18 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The one-day event has generated questions about what it is and how it works. The Café is a free community service offered by a volunteer staff to help people repair their damaged or broken goods. The classroom and workshop areas of Club125, located next to the Old Greenbelt Theatre, will be converted into five repair stations. Each station will focus on different types of objects: clothing and fabric items, computers, small appliances, jewelry and furniture.

Some types of repair work will be made easy simply by having the right tools for the job such as a sewing machine for a ripped shirt sleeve, glue and clamps for a loose chair leg or silver solder for a damaged earring. Other repair work may need an experienced professional, to rewire electrical connections or to diagnose a tough computer glitch. Some items may need matching materials or spare parts the owner may already have to complete the repair. If not, owners will be assisted in ordering needed parts from local businesses, with repairs made at a later date.

Not everything can be repaired. For those appliances and electronic devices, Club125 will accept the broken items for a week of "take it apart" activities where kids and other curious people rip stuff apart to see what is inside, to examine what makes the device work.

At the end of the week, staff will take the pile of e-rubbish to the Public Works facility on electronics recycling day.

Greenbelt's Repair Café is made possible in part by Club125's receipt of the Greenbelt Consumer Co-op Jim Cassels Award and an eager supporting army of volunteers.

For more information visit see <http://club125.com/cafe>.

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition "Food and Friendship" program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215.

All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for January 20 through 24 are as follows:

Monday – All sites closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Tuesday – Pineapple juice, chicken noodle bake, broccoli, Harvard beets, fruit cocktail.

Wednesday – Grape juice, chicken stir fry, jasmine rice, ginger carrots, mixed fruit cup.

Thursday – Cranberry juice, baked meatballs with sauce, whole-grain spaghetti, green beans, ambrosia.

Friday – Orange juice, tomato basil soup, sliced turkey and Swiss cheese, mixed green salad, fresh fruit.

Caregiver Discussion At GRH Wednesday

On Wednesday, January 22 from 5 to 7 p.m. researchers from the University of Maryland will host a discussion group at Green Ridge House (GRH) with caregivers in the community for a research project.

They are seeking information about what older adults, such as family members, need and want to stay healthy, safe and involved in the community. The discussion, which will be confidential, will include sharing one's experiences in a lively, enjoyable way.

Those interested in participating are asked to call GRH Resident Coordinator Sharon Johnson at 301-412-2480. They will then receive a call from a research team member asking a few questions and extending an invitation to participate if there are still openings.

To speak with researchers directly call Lori Simon-Rusinowitz, Ph.D. at the University of Maryland School of Public Health, 301-405-2548 or email lasr@umd.edu.

The session will be held in the GRH dining room and will include light refreshments.

Organizing Is Topic Of Museum Lecture

On Tuesday, January 21 at 7:30 p.m. University of Maryland Senior Alli Hartley, the Greenbelt Museum's first Dorothy Sucher Memorial intern recipient, will give a lecture at the Community Center on Greenbelt women and civic participation, "Women Organize Effectively."

She will discuss how Greenbelt women defied the 20th century myth of the middle-class suburban housewife by becoming political actors in their own rights and how they achieved leadership roles in the community both in the context of the New Deal and post-World War II.

Hartley, whose internship ended in December, created an activity book and an interactive children's area in the Museum's historic house at 10-B Crescent Road. The house is open by appointment during January but will re-open for regular Sunday hours from 1 to 5 p.m. on February 2.

For more information call the museum at 301-507-6582 or visit the website at [www.greenbeltmuseum.org](http://greenbeltmuseum.org).



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